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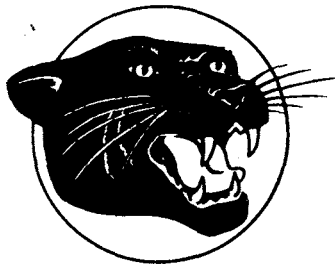
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# **Panther Sports News**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, ILL. (March 17, 1986)--The Eastern Illinois women's basketball team concluded its season with an 18-10 mark and a fifth-place finish in the Gateway Conference. The Lady Panthers registered a 10-8 conference mark.

EIU was led by a triumverate of seniors who left their mark on the Lady Panther record books. 5-6 guard **MELANIE HATFIELD** led the squad in scoring with a 17.7 average; she also led the conference in assists (127) and steals (116). For her achievements during her banner senior campaign, the Lawrenceburg, Ind. native was named to the first-team All-Gateway squad. The cat-quick performer finished her career as the fourth all-time leading scorer in Eastern history with 1389 points. Hatfield also finished fourth all-time in field goals made (588), third in field goals attempted (1238) and fourth in free throws made (213).

5-10 forward **CHRIS ALDRIDGE** finished up her Eastern career in grand style. The Taylorville, Ill. product was picked to the All-Gateway Conference squad for the second consecutive year. She was second on the team in scoring with a 16.1 average while also being one of the conference's top rebounders with a 7.3 average. Aldridge finished fifth in EIU history in scoring with 1337 career points while also placing third in rebounds with 677. She also was second in career annals with 375 free throw attempts.

The third graduating member of the Coach Barbara Hilke's squad is 6-2 center **SUE HYND**. Hynd--who hails from Ottawa, Ill.--was third on the

team in scoring with a 10.2 mark. She averaged 4.5 rebounds a contest--including hauling down a career-high 15 in her final home game against Northern Iowa. "Slender Sue" finished her career with 961 career points and 528 career boards--fifth-best in Eastern history. One of the highlights of her career came when she was named to the all-tournament team at the Fastbreak Fest this past December after a stellar performance against No. 11 Tennessee.

Despite graduating more than 60 percent of the offense, the outlook is bright on the horizon for Hilke and Co. Five players return who saw action in at least 24 of EIU's 28 games.

Freshmen **LISA TYLER** and **SHERYL BONSETT** started in 27 and 25 games respectively this past season. Tyler was second on the team in rebounding with a 6.4 average while scoring at a 8.3 ppg clip. She hit .700 from the free throw line (35-50). The Aurora, Ind. forward was a surprising second on the team in assists with 94.

Bonsett established herself as the team's point guard early in the campaign. She averaged 7.2 points a contest while also hitting an impressive .769 from the charity stripe. The Scottsburg, Ind. product was also Eastern's designated zone-breaker. She often bombed away from over 20-feet away. Bonsett tallied 88 assists and 46 steals while seeing action in 27 games.

Decatur, Ill. junior **PAT HAMILTON** was the Lady Panthers' first guard off the bench. She averaged 7.0 points a game and 48 steals in less than 400 minutes of playing time. Hamilton was used extensively in EIU's pressing defense and created many easy fast-break baskets with steals.

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Sophomores **ANN BROWN** (Evanston) and **KERRY WALSH** (Des Plaines/Marillac) each saw action in 24 games last season. Brown averaged 3.4 points and 2.3 rebounds a game while shooting .508 from the field. The reserve forward also shot .539 from the charity stripe. Walsh--a back-up for Hynd in the middle--notched a 2.0 ppg scoring average while also bringing down 2.2 rebounds a contest.

**LIZ CAVANAGH** (Springfield/Sacred Heart) saw more and more action at guard as the season progressed. As a freshmen, the 5-6 Cavanagh averaged 2.4 points a game while providing inspirational play off the bench.

**BRENDA WEBB** (Antioch) and **MICHELLE NEWMAN** (Mattoon) played reserve roles at forward. Webb--a 6-2 freshman--had an injury plagued rookie campaign. She 3.5 points and 2.8 rebounds in only 13 games while being out with hand and shoulder maladies. Newman hit .588 from the free throw line (10-17) and averaged 2.3 ppg in 15 games.

Final Cumulative  
Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1985-86  
(Includes 28 Games)

-PLAYER	G/	GS	FG/	FGA	FG%	FT/	FTA	FT%	PTS	AVG	REB	AVG	PF/	D	AST	TO	BLK	SIL	MIN-
Melanie Hatfield	28/	28	209/	441	.474	78/	106	.736	496	17.7	132	4.7	79/	5	127	99	8	116	997
Chris Aldridge	28/	28	187/	401	.466	76/	112	.679	450	16.1	205	7.3	69/	0	85	94	4	57	973
Sue Hynd	26/	26	107/	204	.525	50/	71	.704	264	10.2	118	4.5	62/	2	27	41	3	26	708
Lisa Tyler	28/	27	98/	205	.478	35/	50	.700	231	8.3	179	6.4	44/	0	94	77	2	38	883
Sheryl Bonsett	27/	25	82/	183	.448	30/	39	.769	194	7.2	47	1.7	54/	0	88	114	0	46	719
Pat Hamilton	27/	1	88/	173	.509	13/	25	.520	189	7.0	36	1.3	35/	0	30	49	1	48	388
Brenda Welch	13/	0	16/	42	.381	13/	19	.684	45	3.5	36	2.8	24/	0	2	8	2	5	143
Ann Brown	24/	0	34/	67	.508	14/	26	.539	82	3.4	56	2.3	29/	0	8	23	2	10	231
Liz Cavanagh	16/	0	15/	45	.333	8/	15	.533	38	2.4	9	.6	8/	0	11	11	0	14	119
Shelly Ethridge	6/	2	4/	19	.211	6/	6	1.000	14	2.3	7	1.2	7/	0	9	14	1	5	92
Michelle Newman	15/	1	12/	46	.261	10/	17	.588	34	2.3	29	1.9	16/	0	6	13	0	6	137
Kerry Walsh	24/	1	17/	46	.370	14/	34	.412	48	2.0	53	2.2	26/	1	10	15	3	12	235
Team Rebounds											104								

ETU	28/	28	869/1872	.464	347/	520	.667	2085	74.5	1011	36.1	453/	8	497	558	26	383	—
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Team Rebounds											99							
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Opponent Totals	28/	28	821/1779	.462	260/	393	.662	1902	67.9	1161	41.5	515/15	458	659	83	270	—
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~~-PER GAME AVERAGES-~~

-PLAYER	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	PTS	REB	AST	TO	BLK	SIL	MIN-
Melanie Hatfield	7.5	15.8	2.8	3.8	17.7	4.7	4.5	3.5	.3	4.1	35.6
Chris Aldridge	6.7	14.3	2.7	4.0	16.1	7.3	3.0	3.4	.1	2.0	34.8
Sue Hynd	4.1	7.9	1.9	2.7	10.2	4.5	1.0	1.6	.1	1.0	27.2
Lisa Tyler	3.5	7.3	1.3	1.8	8.3	6.4	3.4	2.8	.1	1.4	31.5
Sheryl Bonsett	3.0	6.8	1.1	1.4	7.2	1.7	3.3	4.2	.0	1.7	26.6
Pat Hamilton	3.3	6.4	.5	.9	7.0	1.3	1.1	1.8	.0	1.8	14.4
Brenda Welch	1.2	3.2	1.0	1.5	3.5	2.8	.2	.6	.2	.4	11.0
Ann Brown	1.4	2.8	.6	1.1	3.4	2.3	.3	1.	.1	.4	9.6
Liz Cavanagh	.9	2.8	.5	.9	2.4	.6	.7	.7	.0	.9	7.4
Shelly Ethridge	.7	3.2	1.0	1.0	2.3	1.2	1.5	2.3	.2	.8	15.3
Michelle Newman	.8	3.1	.7	1.1	2.3	1.9	.4	.9	.0	.4	9.1
Kerry Walsh	.7	1.9	.6	1.4	2.0	2.2	.4	.6	.1	.5	9.8

ETU	31.0	66.9	12.4	18.6	74.5	36.1	17.8	19.9	.9	13.7	—
Opponent Totals	29.3	63.5	9.3	14.0	67.9	41.5	16.4	23.5	3.0	9.6	—

**-SEASON HIGHS/LOWS-**

		Eastern Illinois		Opponent
Points 1st Half:	High	44 vs Western Illinois	44 by Drake	
	Low	22 vs Western Illinois	18 by St. Louis	
Points 2nd Half:	High	56 vs Ball State	55 by Wichita State	
	Low	26 vs Southern Illinois	24 by St. Louis	
Total Points:	High	98 vs Ball State	91 by Illinois State	
	Low	56 vs Southern Illinois	42 by St. Louis	
Field Goals:	High	41 vs Ball State	43 by Illinois State	
	Low	24 vs Wisconsin	19 by Miami	
Field Goals Attempted:	High	86 vs SW Missouri State	72 by Indiana State	
	Low	53 vs Wichita State	52 by Western Illinois	
Field Goal Percentage:	High	.679 vs Wichita State	.632 by Illinois State	
	Low	.338 vs Miami	.312 by Miami	
Free Throws:	High	32 vs Xavier	18 by Miami	
	Low	2 vs Southern Illinois	2 by St. Louis	
Free Throws Attempted:	High	45 vs Xavier	31 by Miami	
	Low	5 vs Bradley	3 by Indiana State	
Free Throw Percentage:	High	.933 vs Miami	1.000 by Indiana State	
	Low	.182 vs Southern Illinois	.375 by Western Illinois	
Total Rebounds:	High	55 vs Northern Iowa	63 by Drake	
	Low	21 vs Wisconsin	30 by Tennessee	
Assists:	High	29 vs Western Illinois	24 by Southwest Missouri	
	Low	6 vs Southern Illinois	10 by Southern Illinois	
Blocked Shots:	High	4 vs SW Missouri State	9 by St. Louis	
	Low	0 vs Wichita State	0 by Bradley	
Steals:	High	24 vs St. Louis	22 by St. John's	
	Low	5 vs Southern Illinois	2 by Western Illinois	
Turnovers:	High	33 vs Southwest Missouri	34 by Northern Iowa	
	Low	8 vs Wisconsin	11 by Illinois State	
Personal Fouls:	High	26 vs Drake	33 by Xavier	
	Low	8 vs Western Illinois	9 by Southern Illinois	

-SCORE BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	OT	TOTAL-	-DEADBALL REBOUNDS-
EUU	948	1130	7	0	2085	52
Opponent Totals	886	1000	16	0	1902	43

OVERALL TEAM RECORD	18-10	CUMULATIVE ATTENDANCE	9032	TOTAL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	323
Gateway Collegiate	10- 8	HOME	3594	HOME AVERAGE	300
Badger Invitational	1- 1	AWAY	5438	AWAY AVERAGE	340
Fastbreak Fest	1- 1				

ME#	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	LOC	HIGH SCRER	HIGH REBOUNDER	OPP HI SCRER	OPP HI REBOUNDER
	Xavier	80- 60 W	100	A	Aldridge 29	Aldridge 10	Fredrick, Long 16	Long 8
	Miami	64- 56 W	405	A	Aldridge 21	Hatfield, Tyler 9	Minson 14	Theis 14
	#St. John's	56- 73 L	217	A	Hatfield 14	Hatfield 10	Yard 15	Yard, Conley 9
	#Wisconsin	70- 64 W	320	A	Aldridge 32	Aldridge 11	Bonnell 18	Bonnell 16
	\$Northern Illinois	87- 65 W	225	A	Hatfield 20	Tyler 11	Owens 19	Roberts 9
	\$Tennessee	69- 75 L	245	A	Hynd 23	Tyler 8	Gordon 16	Frost 8
	Butler	81- 58 W	353	H	Hatfield 20	Aldridge 7	Muensterman 12	Muensterman 10
	St. Louis	75- 42 W	224	H	Aldridge 18	Aldridge 6	Aden 12	Lampe 7
	Ball State	98- 64 W	212	H	Hamilton 21	Aldridge 10	Jones 16	Jones 7
	*Wichita State	95- 80 W	273	H	Hatfield 21	Aldridge 9	Parr-Cook 32	Parr-Cook 8
	*SW Missouri State	86- 70 W	179	H	Aldridge 32	Aldridge 8	Tendai 25	Verner 11
	Illinois-Chicago	70- 57 W	75	A	Aldridge 21	Aldridge 15	Stenkamp 17	Clark 9
	*Southern Illinois	56- 68 L	479	H	Hynd 16	Aldridge 9	Bonds 28	Bonds 8
	*Bradley	66- 72 L	400	A	Hatfield 14	Tyler 10	Harris 22	Harris 14
	*Western Illinois	69- 63 W	125	A	Hamilton 17	Aldridge 12	Jensen, Opp 17	Jensen 14
	*Illinois State	73- 64 W	179	H	Hatfield 27	Brown 8	Armstrong 17	Armstrong 10
	*Indiana State	76- 73 W	429	H	Hamilton, Hatf'd 20	Tyler 6	Hile 25	Hile 9
	*Northern Iowa	78- 87 L	100	A	Hatfield 26	Tyler 12	Smythe, Otter 16	Huffman 10
	*Drake	73- 82 L	1156	A	Hatfield 16	Aldridge 11	Ford 28	Ford 16
	*Southern Illinois	62- 69 L	459	A	Hatfield 22	H'field, Aldridge 9	Jackson 21	Bond, Berghuis 11
	*Western Illinois	86- 63 W	175	H	Hatfield 21	Hatfield 7, Hynd 7	Three at 12 each	Aicher 9
	*Bradley	75- 79 L	315	H	Aldridge 21	Aldridge 7	Braud 24	Braud 11
	*Indiana State	66- 58 W	276	A	Hatfield 20	Aldridge 11	Hammel 18	Hammel 11
	*Illinois State	69- 91 L	817	A	Hatfield 23	Aldridge 5	Turner 18	Wellman 8
	*Drake	61- 67 L	317	H	Hatfield 19	Tyler 8	Ford 33	Ford 23
	*Northern Iowa	80- 56 W	459	H	Hatfield 27	Hynd 15	Harms 18	Harms 8
	*Southwest Missouri	80- 70 W	386	A	Hatfield 21, Hynd 21	Aldridge 9	Douglas 20	Mago 6
	*Wichita State	84- 76 W	132	A	Aldridge 20	Three w 6 each	Daniel 32	Daniel, 2 with 7

Gateway Collegiate      # Badger Invitational      \$ Fastbreak Fest